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Board of Allen County Commissioners will be in session

Tuesday and Thursday and adjourn upon completion of business

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL SESSION
DATE	May 20, 2025
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Beth Seibert Cory Noonan Brian Winegardner
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
8:02 a.m.	Sheriff's Office re: Capital Request –Kelli Singhaus, Officer Cody Warris, Chief Deputy Todd Mohler and Lt. Bryan McKinney <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lt. McKinney provided an updated quote for the purchase of body cameras for patrol officers of the Allen County Sheriff's Office<ul style="list-style-type: none">-discussion and review of provided quote-new quote includes an additional capital request for taser upgrades, as the body cameras would be initiated to record once the taser was removed from holster—current tasers do not have that functionality• General discussion on the cost of ongoing maintenance for the body cameras as well as life expectancy for body cameras being proposed for the Allen County Sheriff's Office• Discussion on purchasing through State Term with Axon vs. placing the purchase out for bid to see if other vendors could provide<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Lt. McKinney discussed the differing in redaction software-Axon utilized AI redaction, and to his knowledge other companies do not have that ability• Discussion on equipment/maintenance agreements that would no longer be needed if body cameras are implemented

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -WatchGuard would no longer be needed, if body cameras were implemented -there would-be built-in efficiencies with footage being able to be saved in the cloud, rather than on a server • Discussion on potential added personnel cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chief Deputy Mohler discussed that the Administrative Assistant for the Detective Bureau duties would include assisting with redaction for the body camera footage, when necessary -AI redaction software will lessen the time it will take for an individual to perform any necessary redaction • Cody Warris stated that Shawnee Police Department utilize G-Tech Body Cameras, and their redaction is very time consuming due to not having AI redaction software • Lt. McKinney stated that Findlay is currently using Axon cameras <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commissioner Seibert would like Lt. McKinney to inquire how much time that agency is spending on redaction from footage with the AI redaction software • Commissioners will review and continue to discuss
8:31 a.m.	RECESS
9:04 a.m.	<p>Staff Update/County Projects</p> <p>Sofia Clifton—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Family Doctor Day was yesterday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -communication was sent out yesterday informing employees as well as directions on how one can find a family doctor is they do not currently have one • Anthem and CEBCO will be providing a Lunch and Learn on June 25th discussing the importance of a Primary Care Physician as well as how to utilize Live Health Online for Primary Care if needed • Five weeks left in 2025 Wellness • Discussion on insurance coverage for leased space at the Cook Tower for the Child Support Enforcement Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Builders Risk Policy is not necessary -additional cost of \$1,851.00 per year will be added to current insurance for the additional coverage

- **Review and discussion on expired or expiring Board members that are appointed by the Commissioners**
 -general discussion on potential Board appointments for Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
 -potential Board appointment, Jennifer Truman, may have a conflict of interest being an employee of Lima Memorial Hospital as a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner—Beth Seibert and Sofia Clifton will be exploring if there is a conflict or not
- **Discussion on Delegates and Alternates for the Regional Planning Commission Board**
 -Commissioners are good with Beth Seibert's recommendations, and resolution will be on Thursday's resolution for approval
 -term will be for one (1) year, to get the Commissioners appointments on the same cycle of other appointments to the Regional Planning Commission
- **Discussion on possible replacement appointment for the Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center due to Tim Sielschott no longer being able to attend**
 -Commissioners would like to appoint Demi Burden as the replacement appointment for Tim Sielschott to finish his term

Kelli Singhaus—

- **Received checks in the amount of \$19,500.00 and \$35,631.00 for fees from the recent Mercy Health Bon Secours Conduit Debt**
 -funds will be deposited into the General Fund
- **Board of Developmental Disabilities will be paying partial cost allocation**
- **Discussion on Village of Spencerville request for dispatch services for EMS**
 -Fire and EMS are both privately owned companies
 -Commissioner Winegardner stated that EMS would need to be charge the same amount as Village of Spencerville Fire, being they are both separate privately-owned companies
 -Kelli Singhaus will send them the current Dispatch contract to review, and dispatch services could begin January 2026, unless they would like to begin sooner with a prorated amount

- **Gryzbowski Law Office will be terminating their lease of space in the Savings Building on June 30th**
-lease termination will be placed on the agenda for approval

Brittany Woods—

- **Remaining funds for Dutch Hollow Assessment were received for the Klaus Assessment**
-assessment will not be placed on property owners' taxes
- **Discussion on participation/sponsorship in MakerFest 2025**
-Commissioners will not be providing the \$1,000.00 sponsorship this year as they already provide over \$200,000.00 in funding to Allen Economic Development Group, which supports the organization as a whole, including MakerFest
- **Assistant Prosecutor John Willamowski Jr. has requested a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the CRA process prior to meeting with Project BOSC Attorney John Stock**
-meeting is scheduled with John Willamowski Jr. for this Thursday, and meeting with Attorney John Stock is scheduled for the following week
- **Dr. John Meyer, Allen County Coroner, has requested a meeting to discuss moving forward with a contract for autopsy services**
-currently planning to move forward with continuing to contract with Lucas County
-Brittany Woods provided the Commissioners with a copy of he proposed contract for their review prior to the meeting scheduled next week
-Brittany Woods will ask the Coroner's Office to obtain their PO and certification from the Auditors Office of proposed contract prior to meeting with the Commissioners

Beth Seibert—

- **Received a phone call from an Amanda Township Farmer/Business Owner informing the Commissioners of a clipped phone pole and damage to the road due to an arm being left out on farm equipment by an employee**
-received a bill from the County Engineer in the amount of \$1,900.33 for damages
-Farmer/Business owner shared his frustrations of receiving said bill

	<p>Cory Noonan—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Sanitary Engineer Hamlet of Hume Project -Commissioners would like to schedule a meeting with the Health Department Board to further discuss • Provided an overview on walk through of the Savings Building as a potential location for housing the Regional Public Defender -State Public Defender's Office will be touring the possible space Thursday -discussion on removing non-working light posts – Building and Grounds will be removing • Discussion on proposed large gas station interested in locating in Delphos -Mayor of Delphos is wanting an expedited annexation for the proposed location -general discussion on annexation process regarding expedited vs. regular annexation
10:31 a.m.	RECESS
11:30 a.m.	<p>CORSA Renewal Meeting—CORSA and Webb Insurance – Sofia Clifton, John Brownlee, Tom Sarno, Michael Sarno and Michelle Early</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on program cost increase -review of exposures that are rated to be used for calculation of renewal -review of 2024 vs. 2025 Premium Contribution comparison -discussion on overall increase for all counties in CORSA—minimum 10% increase • Review of member credits received -Allen County received a total credit of \$72,791.00 • Review of reimbursements received -Cybersecurity and law enforcement training • Review of total loss fund comparison from 2021 to current • Review of total reinsurance comparison from 2021 to current • Review of administrative fees from 2021 to current • CORSA has been tasked to create their own Captive Insurance Company to minimize/remove the reinsurance costs • CORSA Board of Directors has raised the minimal deductible to \$5,000.00 to all members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Cyber Coverage Enhancement -new program has additional coverage, resulting in \$2 million in coverage, including ransom events • Review of Risk Management Services offered through Cyber Coverage • Review of reimbursements available in 2025 for Cybersecurity and Law Enforcement
12:04 p.m.	RECESS
2:01 p.m.	<p>Department of Job and Family Services Quarterly Update—Joe Patton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a review of fiscal report -discussion on delays of draw from 2024 that is causing overages on 2025 budget report • Discussion on new mandates for SNAP -Administration funds are currently administered per case, not per how often the case is touched -new mandates will cause more administration work as cases will need to be reviewed more frequently -general discussion on how the mandates will affect the workforce and how they should lower SNAP enrollees due to job requirements and requirement to report wage increases rather than cases being reviewed twice a year -discussion on possible personnel reconfiguration to accommodate increased administration needs • Provided an overview of recent State's Childcare Inspection • Provided an overview of recent Career Fair • Discussion on Chiller Compressor repair -one (1) of the six (6) compressors has went out -working with Jason Patchet on getting repaired with replacement • Discussion on sealing rear parking lot at Department of Job and Family Services/Ohio Means Jobs • Joe Patton requested to enter executive session to discuss promotion and compensation of executive level staff <p>At 2:18 p.m. Commissioner Winegardner made a motion to enter executive session to discuss promotion and compensation of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and approved unanimously.</p>

Commissioner Winegardner noted that Joe Patton will remain present during executive session.


Back in general session at 2:56 p.m.

- **During executive session, discussion was had on compensation for Josh Luke, Human Resources, once he completes his probationary period**
-once probation period is over, Joe Patton will provide a request for compensation increase to the Commissioners for approval
- **During executive session discussion was had on Assistant Director position**
-resignation from Josh Parker has been accepted and will become official in July
-once position is open, a replacement and compensation will be determined


2:58 p.m.

ADJOURN

Submitted by:


Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners


Beth Seibert


Cory Noonan


Brian Winegardner